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EDITORIAL

The Outlook

In our last issue we dealt with several important phenomena up to the August conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn.

Some points still call for mention.

Thus, there is an old adage that the presence of five bodies in one sign indicates the death or overthrow of the great. This occurs three times this year—in February, May, and September.

Note that at the conjunction of Mars and Saturn, on February 11th, the Moon and Venus culminate in conjunction in Pisces at Rome, which betokens, surely, peace efforts from the Pope. But Mars and Saturn themselves culminate at Moscow and Jupiter in Finland.

Presumably a conjunction of Mars and Saturn is not favourable in itself; but it must be mitigated for countries wherein a benefic culminates at the moment of its exactitude.

Falling in the ruling sign of England it cannot be good for us; but at least Jupiter is also in Aries and the Sun and Mercury are both in good aspect to the place of the conjunction.

Less favourable is the fact that this point is on the I.C. in the March lunation for London, and a difficult month may be foreshadowed.

On March 16th there is another important conjunction—of Mars and Uranus in Taurus 19.

This falls in the 2nd at London and Saturn occupies the same house, so that it bodes ill for that unfortunate but stolid individual, the British tax-payer. It also falls close to the Sun in the map for the union of England and Scotland, May 1, 1707, which is given in the *B.J.A.* for May, 1930, and is introduced by V. E. Robson as being for "the official birth of Great Britain as such."

Is a German revolution near at hand?

I consider that one is already taking place. Hitler has unquestionably lost much power and will continue to do so. His days of glory have come and gone: perhaps he realises as much.

On the other hand, Goering comes under good directions this summer. There may be an open reshuffling of the leaders; or things may happen almost imperceptibly.

In any case the ruling classes in Germany are all of one hue; the notion of moderation is unknown to them. The really peaceful elements in Germany are the peasantry and other lower classes, whose lives contain plenty of hardship whereon their Martian "vibrations" can be expended. Everyone has to express Mars, the poor in earning their living, the wealthy in hunting, exploring, sport, and warfare. For this reason one rarely finds Chauvinists on the land. This point of view is born of *idleness*, whether at street corners or in the haunts of luxury.

We must indeed beware lest we win the war and lose the peace through that weak sentimentality that is the besetting sin of our race. When the ravening wolves of Germany have again been placed under restraint, there will be vociferous individuals everywhere who, having done nothing to win the war, will want to have everything to do with the post-war settlement.

Fortunately the French are much more rational than we are in such matters.

Meanwhile the war remains to be won.

I repeat that I think peace may come in 1940, about the fall of the year; but this is far from certain. In any case *real* peace will not come until 1941, but will certainly not be delayed long after the spring of that year.

Russia, Finland, and Japan

Russia's behaviour since, in October, Pluto rose at Moscow at the time of the eclipse, has shown the world her moral worthlessness; and Finland's heroic resistance has demonstrated that her military capacity is at about the same level. This is the country with which half the British Press demanded an alliance only a few months ago!

Despite her apparently gigantic strength, the stars are by no means favourable to Russia, as a study of the approaching mundane figures will demonstrate. Still, the country is so immense and its potential power so great, that it will always be a factor to consider carefully.

With Japan it is otherwise. Our view of this country's proximate future has already been expressed.

The Great Cold and Some Forecasts

At the last meeting of the Lodge before Christmas I warned the audience to expect a very cold close to the year 1939. This

forecast, so strikingly fulfilled, was based on Saturn, stationary in the ingress figure.

Since the failure of most astrologers to predict the war seems to have done some harm to our art, I may mention that two at least publicly and specifically foretold it, viz. Mr. C. E. Mitchell, of Halifax, and Miss Elizabeth Aldrich, of New York.

One should also mention a remarkably good recent forecast by Edna L. Scott, in *World Astrology*, "in the Turkish and Persian nations there will be famine and disease. In addition earth-shocks will strike this area."

THE EDITOR

Written February 1, 1940.

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE IN LIBRA

MR. H. J. ARCHER, 113, Trinity Street, Norwich, writes:

"It is said that we know very little of the effects of eclipses. The recent solar eclipse in Libra fell near to my wife's natal sun and on the 13th my eldest son received his call to the colours. I should be glad to receive post cards from others who were noticeably affected at this time, with details of planets near Libra 18; and also from others who were *not* affected."

[In a case known to me the husband had ♄ in 19 ♋ and collapsed with a bad heart-attack; the wife had ♀ in the same degree and was naturally much worried. In another case ♄ was in ♋ 18 in 11th and the eclipse fell on the descendant: result, a good government appointment and also favourable for marriage. In my own case it fell on ascendant square ♄ and the chief effect was through the house occupied by ♄, the 10th. Also, as ♄ rules the 5th, it affected children, as my son volunteered for special military work of an arduous character. *He* has ♀ in ♋ 18.—EDITOR.]

We regret that lack of space compels us to hold over several valuable articles.

THE ASTROLOGY OF MARRIAGE

By the EDITOR

Third Instalment

AT this stage we might devote a page or so to the consideration of general sexual attractiveness—sex-allure as it is called nowadays in certain circles, or merely "It."

Of course different types are attracted by different types, but there are some individuals who are, from one point of view, attractive to most members of the opposite gender.

I should say that the fixed signs—Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, and Aquarius—are commonly endowed with this gift, if such it be. Perhaps planets in the 5th and 8th houses have the same effect. As for aspects, Venus-Uranus contacts are often possessed of the power to fascinate others.

There may be particular fixed stars that are potent in this way, but I have not discovered any.

Of course a strong Venus will always attract affection from others; but this sort of attraction seems to me to belong to a higher plane than ordinary sexual attractiveness, which is rather a question of physical magnetism. Venus operates on the plane of the emotions, and the finer emotions at that.

Ivor Novello is said to have been born at 2.15 p.m., January 15, 1893, at Cardiff. Here the attractiveness is obviously due to the angular conjunction of the Moon and Venus.

Mary Pickford is said to have been born at Toronto on April 4, 1893, with Aquarius 12 rising; the map does not strike one as being that of a person who would be called the "world's sweetheart," but if the time is right, Venus is in exact sextile to the ascendant, and the rising degree is close to one that is believed to indicate personal charm and beauty.

One would ascribe a very different and much coarser attraction to a man like Landru, the "French Bluebeard"—a foolish title, by the way, since the original Bluebeard was of the same nationality. He is stated to have been born about 6 a.m., April 12, 1869, 48° 50' N., 2° 20' E., see *Modern Astrology*, June 1932.

Here the most striking point is that eight bodies out of the ten are in fire, six being in the very masculine sign, Aries.

The positions are as follows:

X	19 ♈	XI	11 ♎	XII	15 ♋	I	11 ♌	II	2 ♍	III	1 ♊
☉	22 ♈)	24 ♈	♄	5 ♈	♀	15 ♈	♂	17 ♎	♃	26 ♈
	♂	17 ♈	♂	♂	14 ♎	♄	17 ♈	♂	16 ♌	♄	13 ♎

Such a person would naturally, by the law of polarity, have a very great attractive power over women, especially those of a negative type. This would not be diminished by Mars in Leo in the 5th, and by the close square of Venus to Uranus. In fact, he would be a difficult person for anyone to say "no" to, either in love or in any other sphere. Moreover, Neptune is so very strongly aspected that he would be as crafty and deceptive as

he was forceful, and he would be able to give an impression of complete frankness and openness. With both Lights in near conjunction with Jupiter it seems surprising that he was ever detected and brought to justice.

Now we have another case, also French, wherein vanity, ambition, and powers of fascination were very marked. This is that of Mme Steinheil; see *How to Judge a Nativity*, page 238, part 2, 2nd edition.

It may be recalled that this lady had numerous lovers, mostly in good positions, indeed President Faure was cited to have been one of them. Thanks to their assistance, she lived in luxury until Moon opposed to Saturn in M.C. brought her down.

Now, curiously enough, Mme Steinheil was born only four days after Landru, i.e. on April 16, 1869, canton de Delle, Sagittarius 11 being on the M.C. and Aquarius 20 on the ascendant. Thus all the aspects of major planets are the same, the principal differences being that Mercury is square Uranus, a contact which in Landru's case has hardly formed, and the Moon is in Gemini, opposed, as we have said, to Saturn in M.C.

Here the vanity of excessive fire is shown with great clearness; indeed, it is a map that illustrates several well-established rules of astrology. As in Mary Pickford's case, Venus is in Aries in exact sextile to the rising degree. I do not know whether she was very beautiful, but she could hardly have been lacking in good looks.

It might have been thought that such a very positive map would have been unattractive in a woman, however much it might have helped Landru to overcome the prudence of his victims. However, plenty of men, of the more negative type, admire a positive type of woman; and in this chart Venus aspects every planet in the map except Pluto, to say nothing of both Lights and the ascending degree.

Here we have a vanity that led to lavish display and ambition. In Landru's case the Aries satellitium is in the 12th, and he was avaricious rather than ambitious, and his vanity was satisfied with "conquests," without demanding, so far as I know, ostentation in the personal life.

An interesting pair of astrological "twins"!

They lead one to think that Fire is attractive sexually, and, of course, that would not be surprising. Indeed, most normal people are glad to meet the typical fiery person, provided he does not overdo things. We all admire vitality and tend to turn from the inert and flabby individual.

Turning now to the wider subject of Tragedy in Love, we find that Uranus is by far the most active planet, especially

when the upshot is suicide. A good many of us can test how potent this planet is in love-affairs by referring to its transit, in our own nativities, over points that are sensitised in relation to the emotional life. Whether the results were tragic or not will naturally depend on the general strength of our maps, and that of Uranus itself in particular. But whatever the conditions may be, the passage of Uranus over any such point will usually bring romance into the life, especially of course if it happens in youth, and the results are usually a quite overwhelming passion, unless a powerful Saturn renders us proof against such occurrences! We shall be caught up in a tide of emotion almost before we realise what has happened. Whatever may be said against Uranus, he is *not dull* and those whom he affects strongly do "see life." True, they don't always tell their fathers and mothers about it, so that when disaster comes, if come it does, the coroner is often assured that "he (or she) had no love-affairs."

A classic case is that of the Archduke Rudolf of Austria, the only son of Franz Joseph, who shot himself as a result of a love-affair. He had Uranus rising opposed by Mars in the 7th, the aspect being very close and Mars ruling the 7th.

His father, Franz Joseph, lost his wife, after estrangement, at the hands of an anarchist, and he had Uranus on the cusp of the 5th, as well as Mars (stationary) on the descendant. Mars caused the death, but I should judge that Uranus was the chief cause of estrangement. At the time of the assassination Uranus, by converse o-d measure, was in o Sagittarius, and the same planet, by transit, was in exactly the same point.

Aspects to cusps, *if they are exact but not otherwise*, must never be overlooked. In the more modern case of Edith Thompson, hanged for complicity in the murder of her husband, Uranus was in precise square to the cusp of the 5th. This case, which created great popular interest, is the subject of a fine study by Mme. Baudot in *Astrology* for December 1932. In this map an opposition of Mercury to Neptune seems to bear the chief responsibility for the tragedy; nevertheless it is rare to find a case of emotional tragedy in which Uranus is not at least one of those principally to blame, figuratively speaking.

The purely Saturnian tragedy does not seem very common. Saturn is readier to grin and bear its troubles than Uranus. However, I have a case wherein Sun square Saturn lord of the 5th in the 5th seems the chief culprit. The data are: Female, 3.32 p.m. local mean time, 37° 45' N., 122° W., May 22, 1905. Suicide was on September 10, 1928, when Venus was opposition Uranus in the heavens in square to the radical Neptune.

This unfortunate woman had been guilty of incestuous rela-

tions with her brother since the age of 14 (Mercury in the 7th; Uranus is in the 3rd and Sun, Mars and Pluto are in Gemini; the ruler of the 7th is opposed to the ruler of the 3rd). It is a primitive type of horoscope, with little integration of a constructive character.

Readers will notice how prominent Libra is in these cases, which is only to be expected.

It is always worth while, to say the least, to watch the planetary "points" in connection with marriage: they serve, so to speak, to underline or italicise important aspects of the case. Perhaps the point of the ruler of the 7th is most valuable in this way, but the aspect of any point to a planet having dignity in the 7th is important, too, provided it is really close. I do not allow wide orbs with these secondary factors. Note, too, that rare trouble-maker, the point of Uranus or Lightning-Flash, nowadays chalked on our walls by the followers of Sir Oswald Mosley. Thus, in the Archduke's case, it falls exactly square to Mars in the 7th.

I have two cases which illustrate these points very nicely. One is that of a well-known and highly respected minister and the other that of a European sovereign whose attachments to the other sex have had international importance. Now they were born within a few minutes of one another; their planetary aspects are identical. But difference of place of birth alters the houses, though they were both born under the same sign. And, of course, the points change. The king has the point of Venus exactly conjunction Mars in Libra but in the minister's case it has only a square to the Moon, which is not very important.

As for very happy marriages, one hears less about them, for it is nearly always the other kind that gets publicity. I should say that a good Venus is the main feature; and if it is well configured with the Moon, that seems best of all. I have known Moon conjunction Venus in Cancer produce a very happy marriage even though the rest of the horoscope was very afflicted and there were, in consequence, all sorts of difficulties in health, finance, and so forth. I even know of a case where Mars, Uranus, and the Sun are conjoined in Leo in the 7th (Moon and Mercury being also in the 7th in conjunction, but in Virgo), and the lady has been very happily married for many years. I believe there were earlier disappointments, certainly, but would one expect any happy marriage from this? Once again, the Moon is in good aspect to Venus in Cancer.

One of the hardest problems is the case wherein one marriage is very unhappy and the next the reverse; but space forbids dealing with this question.

A CLERGYMAN'S VIEW OF ASTROLOGY

By L. M. SHAW

IN my second paper I dealt with the writings of a doctor whose hobby was divinity; in this, my subject is a divine whose hobby was medicine. His name was Robert Burton, and in the calculation of his nativity given above the arms in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, February 8th is given as his birth date. In 1616 he was appointed Vicar of St. Thomas, Oxford, and about 1630 became also Rector of Segrave in Leicestershire.

In 1621 his famous work *The Anatomy of Melancholy* was published, from which are taken the quotations which now follow. His death took place on January 25, 1639/40, at about the time he himself had calculated when casting his horoscope. Strangely enough, our clergyman-doctor, as our doctor-divine, was governed by Saturn, as he himself relates:—

"*Saturn* was the lord of my geniture, culminating, etc., and *Mars* principal significator of manners, in partile conjunction with mine Ascendant; both fortunate in their houses, etc." (*Anatomy of Melancholy*, York Library, p. 14, vol. i).

"I am," he writes, "by profession a Divine, and by mine inclination a Physician. I had *Jupiter* in my Sixth House; . . . in the theorick of physick I have taken some pains, not with an intent to practise, but to satisfy myself. . . ."

He quotes instances of physicians studying astrology and has his own ideas. Causes of melancholy, he thinks, are primary, "the heavens, planets, stars, etc., by their influence (as our astrologers hold). . . . I will not," he writes, "stand here to discuss whether stars be causes, or signs; or to apologise for judicial Astrology. . . . If thou shalt ask me what I think, I must answer . . . they do incline, but not compel; no necessity at all . . . and so gently incline that a wise man may resist them . . . they rule us, but God rules them. . . . So that, I hope, I may justly conclude . . . that the heaven is God's instrument, by mediation of which he governs and disposeth these elementary bodies; or a great book, whose letters are the stars, (as one calls it) wherein are written many strange things for such as can read" (p. 235, vol. i).

He has no doubt but that Saturn strong in a horoscope (geniture, he calls it) is a cause of melancholy.

"Such as have the *Moon*, *Saturn*, *Mercury* misaffected in their genitures . . . are most subject to melancholy" (p. 196, vol. i).

"*Saturn* and *Mercury*, the Patrons of Learning, are both dry Planets: and Origanus assigns the same cause, why *mercurialists*

are so poor, and most part beggars, for that their President *Mercury* had no better fortune himself. The Destinies of old put poverty upon him as a punishment. . . . *Mercury* can help them to knowledge, but not to money" (p. 350, vol. i).

Those born under the *Moon* have but little ease:

"Whatsoever is under the *Moon* is subject to corruption, alteration; and so long as thou livest upon the earth, look not for other" (p. 150, vol. ii).

"If the *Moon* have a hand, they are all for peregrinations, sea-voyages, much affected with travels," etc. (p. 457-8, vol. i).

"If *Jupiter* dominates, they are more ambitious, still meditating of Kingdoms, Magistracies, offices, Honours, etc." (p. 457, vol. i).

"If *Mars* they are all for wars, brave combats . . . rash, furious and violent in their actions. They will feign themselves Victors, Commanders . . ." (p. 57, vol. i).

"If the *Sun*, they will be Lords, Emperors, in conceit at least" (p. 57, vol. i).

"If *Venus*, they are still courting of their mistresses, and most apt to love . . . they seem to hear music, plays, see fine pictures, dancers, merriments and the like" (p. 457, vol. i).

As to marriage, these are his words:—

"There be those that think they are necessitated by Fate, their Stars have so decreed, and therefore they grumble at their hard fortune, they are well inclined to marry, but one rub or other is ever in the way. I know what Astrologers say in this behalf. . . . Yet let no man be troubled, or find himself grieved with such Predictions . . . they be but conjectures, the Stars incline, but not enforce. Wisdom, diligence, discretion may mitigate, if not quite alter such decrees. . . . Let no man then be terrified or molested with such Astrological Aphorisms, or be much moved, either to vain hope or fear, from such predictions, but let every man follow his own free will in this case, and do as he sees cause" (pp. 279-80, vol. iii).

Burton is quite clear that astrology is for guidance and warning, but not for the foretelling of things pre-ordained, predestined, or unalterable. "That inevitable necessity" held, as he says, by the Chaldean astrologers of old, "against whom the Prophet Jeremiah so often thunders, that take upon them to define out of those great conjunctions of Stars, with *Ptolomæus*, the periods of Kingdoms, or Religions, of all future Accidents, Wars, Plagues . . . which God hath reserved to Himself and his Angels, they will take upon them to fore-tell, as if Stars were immediate, inevitable causes of all future accidents" (p. 441, vol. iii).

Here, natrum muriaticum contributed much by relieving a thirst which seemed never satisfied and by generally toning up the system. Incidentally a skin trouble, of which she was very conscious, was relieved at the same time.

In not a few of these problem child horoscopes the line of heredity often intermingles with unfortunate influences, and these, when known beforehand, are valuable hints to a busy doctor as to what line to take in making inquiries of the parents. By this means the oncoming of hereditary disease is not only forestalled, but the cause of a faulty approach to social life is also ameliorated.

The medical approach to the difficulties which are associated with the problem child is no "Cure all" applicable to all cases; the indications need to be sharp and clear and it is in assessing the value of the allergic indicants that astrology can contribute much. Each case must be dealt with on its merits and there is a sufficiency of problem children in the world to act as a call to the psycho-analysts, chiropractitioners, and all other forms of healing to join in the quest.

There was a time when medicine and astrology walked hand in hand as parts of a great system of healing and we, who know astrology, will welcome Mr. MacDonagh's statement as evidence of the coming of a much-needed reunion in our time.

DATA

<i>Houses</i>			<i>Planets</i>
10th	♊ 17½	☉ ♀ 10·31	♂ ♄ 17·16 R
11th	♋ 8	♃ ♄ 6·49	♃ ♄ 15·05
12th	♌ 10	♄ ♀ 2·56	♄ ♀ 15·33 R
1st	♍ 14	♄ ♀ 0·05	♄ ♀ 9·05
2nd	♎ 12	♂ ♄ 19·49	♄ ♀ 19·33
3rd	♏ 0	♄ ♄ 17·52 R	♄ ♄ 10¼

NEUTRAL AND GERMAN VIEWS OF HITLER'S MAP

"J. C. Segrue, War Correspondent for the *New York Post*, writing from Zurich under date of October 3rd, says that Hitler's eagerness for peace is as great as was his eagerness for war a month ago. Well, his eagerness for war was against Poland. His eagerness for peace is against greater foes. But the really important thing Mr. Segrue does report is that 'The

ordinary German is said here to face the prospect of a winter at war against Great Britain and France with dismay. Crowds in the Wilhelmstrasse are described as anxious and careworn.' Many astrologers have reached the conclusion that the internal difficulties of Germany will have greater influence on the downfall of Hitlerism than the external. They are undoubtedly inter-related, but Saturn is not in a position in Der Fuehrer's chart that is conducive of anything he would like to attain for either himself or Germany."—From the *Bulletin of the American Federation of Scientific Astrologers*.

"The execution of the Nazi 'Plan' will beyond denial conjure down the fall of Hitler, which, on account of the square of Mars from the 7th house, I regard as likely to be catastrophic. But Mars is lord of the 7th house by rulership and also partly by occupancy; Mars shows armed violence at the hands of the police and military. This use of force, since Mars is debilitated in Taurus, will be accomplished in a savage manner. There will be no half-measures about it (*es ginge um Kopf und Kragen*)."—"Spectator" in *Der Zenit*, May 1931.

BRITAIN'S VICTORY

"Despite some of the present unsavory features, England has most favourable indications in 1940-41 for triumph, for commercial and economic expansion and for reconstruction through liberalised policies with her dominions, particularly concerning Ireland (Taurus) that should mark constructive development. To illustrate: during the year ahead her progressed Sun is forming a trine aspect to progressed Uranus and this direction, which remains in operation for four years, indicates progressive administrative changes affecting her dominions. During 1941 the progressed midheaven by primary directions forms a sextile to Uranus progressed and King George will be favoured by a similar direction in his own natus. In 1941 the progressed Sun also forms a benefic sextile to the expansive Jupiter and this direction, too, will remain in operation for two years."—From the *Bulletin of the American Federation of Scientific Astrologers*.

"Lastly, let us mention that if, as is stated, Adolf Hitler is advised by astrologers, these may be said to have *stolen* whatever emoluments he may have allowed them, for, on this day of September 1, 1939, the weakest and worst planet being Mercury, it was an unforgivable fault to undertake anything

precisely at the moment when Mercury, lord of the 1st and 10th, was on the cusp of the 12th."—A. Costeseque, in the Belgian periodical *Demain*, January 21, 1940, referring to the invasion of Poland at 4 hrs. 45 mins. G.M.T. on the above date, map drawn for Berlin. From the *German* point of view this was the beginning of the present war.

HERR JOACHIM VON RIBBENTROP

WE recently observed on the frequency with which prominent Germans have contacts between Mars and Saturn. This is not limited to Nazis, for among those we omitted we find Fritz Ebert, President of the Weimar Republic, with a close square between the two planets in question.

Von Ribbentrop, Hitler's Foreign Minister, has them in trine. His data are given as 10.35 a.m., April 30, 1894, $51\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ N., $6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ E. It is not stated whether this is local time or standard mid-European; German publications often use the former as a matter of course.

Assuming it to be mid-European standard time, we get Aries 26 on the M.C.; if the time is local, we should have to subtract 26 mins. and the M.C. would be Aries $18\frac{3}{4}$.

Planetary positions are:

\odot 8 10 ♃ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ♄ 20 ♅ 24 ♆ \approx 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ ♁ 6
 ♂ \approx 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ R ♂ 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ R ♂ 12 PL ♂ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ♂ 9 \oplus 11 9 $\frac{1}{2}$

The progressed positions are highly interesting and characteristic. The following are all post-natal secondaries: ♂ has just passed ♄ r. and is \angle radical \odot . \odot p. is slowly coming to \square ♂ p., this direction being exact in 1942. ♄ is ♂ ♂ r., and ♄ is going to \square ♂ p. If the M.C. at birth is ♄ 26, then it has progressed near to ♄ ♄ r.

By pre-natal direction the \odot has left \times ♁ , showing the minister's brief heyday, and ♂ is coming to \square ♄ r. and ♂ r.

Seldom has one met such a series of afflictions.

Downfall and a violent end, not improbably by suicide, are indicated.

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ASTROLOGY AND BREATH

By "URANIDES"

Most astrologers are also, I think, interested in questions of health, if not on their own account, then for the sake of others whom they desire to help to a better physical condition. When it is possible—as it usually is—to relate astrology and questions of good health, astrologers are generally glad to hear about it.

However, I have never heard any reference in our literature to the question of polarity in breathing.

Now polarity is the basis of all manifestation of life. Life, as a principle, is of course unitary, but manifested life depends on polarity, primarily upon the polarity of Spirit and Substance, or, on a lower level, Energy and Matter; that which acts, and that which is acted upon.

As astrologers we are well aware of this idea, which is clearly and unmistakably symbolised in our positive or male, and negative or female signs, and in the great symbolism of the two Luminaries, the Sun and the Moon, under which the planets are grouped, some being masculine in tendency and some feminine, though, curiously enough, only one planet has a feminine name—Venus—unless we include the planetoids.

We know, too, that both physical and psychological health is liable to suffer if a nativity is unbalanced in terms of this polarity. A very fiery map, for example, is like a flame that burns too brightly for the amount of fuel behind it, like a lamp with a large wick but little oil. The rate of combustion is much greater than the afflux of combustible material. One can use the same simile with a very airy horoscope, for in that case there is a bright flame of thought, instead of emotion, and there is, once again, not enough "fuel" behind it. For example, such a person may think a great deal but will lack

sufficient contact with actual life to supply proper food for his thinking; he spins theories but is out of touch with fact.

Then again a very earthy map is all fuel, but there is not enough (figurative) heat to maintain steady combustion; the fire, as it were, cannot be got properly alight. Such persons tend to be indolent and too ready to accept things as they are. Watery persons correspond, in terms of feeling, with the airy ones: their fancies and emotions run away with them and lose contact with actuality.

Physically speaking, very positive people tend to burn themselves out and very negative ones suffer from poor vitality. Even if they have few technical "afflictions" in their maps, they are rarely robust or vigorous.

The best health comes from a good balance between both polarities.

At the same time astrology would be of little use to us if the matter had to be left at that stage: it would merely pronounce our fate, according to what our natus may be, and would leave us to work out our destiny as best we could. For those whose natal themes are inharmonious the only advice would have to be "grin and bear it." It would be well to see whether we cannot find any way of correcting an unbalanced polarity.

In this connection there is much to interest us in a book on Yoga by a French writer—*Yoga: The Science of Health*, by Felix Guyot, of which an English translation has been published by Rider & Co.

The author draws our attention to the Yoga teaching to the effect that the principal avenue by which prana, or universal energy, is absorbed by the body is through the nostrils, or, to be more precise, through two pranic organs situated on a level with the nostrils. Now wherever we see mention of a pair of anything we instinctively think of the principle of polarity; and, according to M. Guyot, this principle is indeed behind the use of the two nostrils and their pranic correlates, the right nostril being positive and the left feminine.

It is asserted that only about 50 per cent of adults breathe with equal freedom through both nostrils, whilst many of course do not use their nostrils adequately at all, but fall victims to the bad habit of oral breathing, which is condemned even by orthodox physicians.

It will at once occur to the astrologically minded that there is in all likelihood a correspondence between certain types of horoscopic affliction and one-sided breathing, and, furthermore, that by correcting the latter, which is not difficult unless there

is an actual malformation, the ill effects of the former may be mitigated, and a more balanced physical condition established.

Indeed M. Guyot introduces another thought, which will not sound so strange to the astrologer as to most others. He asserts that "the rhythm of breathing often corresponds to what might be called the happy or unhappy tonality of our destiny." I say that this will not seem so strange to astrologers as to many others because we know how closely the interior and the exterior, or circumstantial, lives are correlated, so that, for example, Moon conjunct Mars in a fiery sign may not only make one hot-tempered, but may also indicate danger from heat in a purely external sense; it may, let us say, denote the chance of a serious fire in one's house, even though this may not, in actual fact, result from any carelessness on one's own part. The maxim that "character is destiny" works out in much more subtle and cryptic ways than the superficial would suspect.

We are told that the consequences of one-sided breathing are particularly felt by the nervous system; and this, again, is not strange, because we know that those who have much air in their horoscopes of birth are of the "nervous" or intellectual type of humanity.

Many of the pranayama, or breath-control, exercises of yoga are notoriously dangerous unless the student has the advantage of a competent teacher with a full sense of responsibility; but there can be no danger in noting whether one does or does not use both nostrils equally in breathing, and in taking the simple measures that are necessary to bring about a proper condition if it should prove to be absent. A nasal douche costs only a few pence and salt water is an excellent cleansing agent. The operation of cleaning can be done with the same regularity as brushing one's teeth, and at the same time.

The ideal is, of course, not that those with positive maps should try to use their left nostril more than their right, or the reverse if the map is negative; but that all should seek to use both nostrils equally and evenly.

It should be particularly beneficial to attend to this matter before falling asleep, so as to insure equal respiration during the hours of slumber; but it will also be useful to get into the habit of testing the nostrils occasionally during the day until a normal condition has been established.

One would expect those whose maps show afflictions in the common signs, or cadent houses, to suffer most often and most severely from respiratory troubles. But afflictions in Scorpio often affect the nose. Also it is likely that any square aspects,

falling as they usually do from one polarity to another, tend to upset the balance of the body.

THE TRANSITS IN TAURUS

By W. H. SAMPSON

[This article, by an eminent London astrologer, was written in November last and unfortunately could not be included, as was intended, in our last issue.]

THE evidence that should be examined in regard to the present war is immense; it is impossible to present more than a very small proportion of it within the scope of this article, and when the Editor asked me to put together some comments on this subject, I thought at once that the only thing to do was to take a few broad, rather distant views, rather than encourage myself to become tangled up in an intricate maze of evidences that might confuse me and only bewilder my readers. Hence, I am singling out just a few of what seem to me to be the most essential factors, not at all with a view to making them serve as a basis for precise prediction, but in order to gain from them a few opinions in proportion to their weight.

As many astrologers are considering such factors as eclipses and ingresses, it might be more useful to take into account things less popular. All astrologers, I suppose, have their pet theories, and probably have excellent reasons for their choice. In so far as reason can guide us in these matters, I do not feel like giving eclipses, new moons, or ingresses pre-eminence in these matters, simply because, first, that really implies that wars, and other dramatic human events, are flatly predetermined. It is possible to predict these phenomena thousands of years ahead. Is it also possible to predict wars and political phenomena similarly? I prefer to take the ground that the actions of mankind are much more likely to be shown in the horoscopes of people, and specially in those horoscopes which belong to man's chosen leaders.

The astronomical factors I am now considering are the transits of three majors in Taurus, and I am examining them with relation to the horoscopes of some of the chief actors in this great drama. I have had no reason to doubt the very great significance of major transits, but as I am not sufficiently before the public to have attained authority—or its reverse—in the matter, I remind my readers that Evangeline Adams, one of

the most practical and famous of modern astrologers, used these as her chief basis for judgment. I worked with Miss Adams for some period, was well acquainted with her methods, and know that she counted heavily on transits of Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus. Her book declares this plainly.

Let us commence with the idea that Uranus passing through the fixed signs is much inclined to be "explosive," to bring about changes that have a profound and lasting effect upon the world. This is, of course, because the expansive and revolutionary influence of Uranus meets the greatest inertia and opposition in the fixed signs, and the result of that is, of course, explosive. Taurus is, *par excellence*, the sign of solidity, inertia, and reactionism, and it is to be expected that Uranus passing through Taurus will be compelled to act rather violently. It is not merely symbolic to say that the earth's security would be shaken by this passage; it is a clear, straightforward deduction from the principles concerned. In the case where civilisation is sporadic, consisting, perhaps, of isolated provinces, not much interconnected, this would not be so emphatically the case, but where civilisation consists of a number of nations or provinces, intimately netted up, so as to form what amounts to one civilisation, Uranus has his opportunity. He is likely, then, to institute disorders and changes that affect the whole group of interrelated systems. Uranus insists upon change and progress, and is both willing and capable of smashing institutions in order to accomplish these.

It is possible to take the ground that he has been one of the chief factors in bringing about the present crisis. He has recently been occupying very significant positions with regard to several of the horoscopes of the leaders most concerned. In the case of Hitler, after moving past the trine of the Moon and Jupiter, and the conjunction of the progressed ruler, Venus (sure to mark a period of great expansion, especially as it coincided with the direction, secondary, of Sun trine Uranus and sextile Saturn, Mars being also in these aspects), he then stationed himself near the conjunction of the *radical* Venus and Mars at Hitler's 1939 birthday, being within 5' only of the conjunction of Venus, 40' from that of Mars; and this at a time when Saturn, by direction, was approaching the exact square to Mars. This last is complete about September, 1942. All these, taken together, are to the observant and thoughtful astrologer indications of great import, especially as Uranus is known to be the greatest disturber in the planetary scheme. Moreover, the shift of Uranus from the very constructive position of trine Moon and Jupiter, to the equally unconstructive

tive one of conjunction Mars, square Saturn, was, very certainly, a warning of the possibility of untoward actions and policies ahead. The precipitate agreement with Russia was quite typical of this transit of Uranus in the 7th house.

I feel like sketching in very lightly indeed the fact that at the birthday of 1939, Jupiter was conjunction Venus in Pisces, opposed to Neptune, all these being in semisquare to the progressed Venus, 8 Taurus, and in square to the progressed Sun and Mars in Gemini. These are very suggestive of Hitler's attempts to gain peace, his confused policies, his tortuous methods, while the transit of Neptune through the 11th house, in ill aspects, declares so plainly that, at this time, he cannot depend on friends. The position of the progressed Sun and Mars, while it is good as being favourable to Saturn and Uranus radical, is extraordinarily vitiated by the transiting square of Neptune, than which nothing is more weakening, confusing, bewildering, and disappointing. It is usually impossible under this transit to follow a consistent or logical policy; it symbolises the decay or "petering out" of things by insidious ways, and it tends, for this or that reason, to make people as undependable as those they fondly depend on. In the meantime, it must not be forgotten that Venus, Hitler's natal ruler, is still close to the trine aspect of Jupiter, only 28' from it at December, 1939, so astrologers must judge for themselves whether, under this very beneficial aspect, a total collapse of Hitler's power is probable. I anticipate myself somewhat in pointing out, at this moment, that the oncoming conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in Taurus falls (for all transiting purposes) close to the conjunction of this Venus, and trine Hitler's radical Moon and Jupiter. I will refer to this again later on.

I now draw special attention to this oncoming conjunction, and to the movements of the two planets, Jupiter and Saturn, in the intervening period. Hitler commenced this war with the attack on Poland at a time when Saturn was transiting his radical Sun, soon to approach the semisquare of his Sun progressed. No experienced astrologer would have upheld such an enterprise. In this particular case, the whole period from the contact of Saturn with the Sun up to the last contact of Saturn to the aspect of Sun progressed should have been regarded as one during which major enterprise would be "suspect," provided other contacts of a contrary nature did not intervene. It is in May, 1940, that Saturn leaves his aspect to Sun, while Jupiter comes to the Sun's conjunction, exact, May 19th-20th. The last contact of Saturn to conjunction Sun radical is March 27, 1940. At Hitler's birthday, 1940, Saturn

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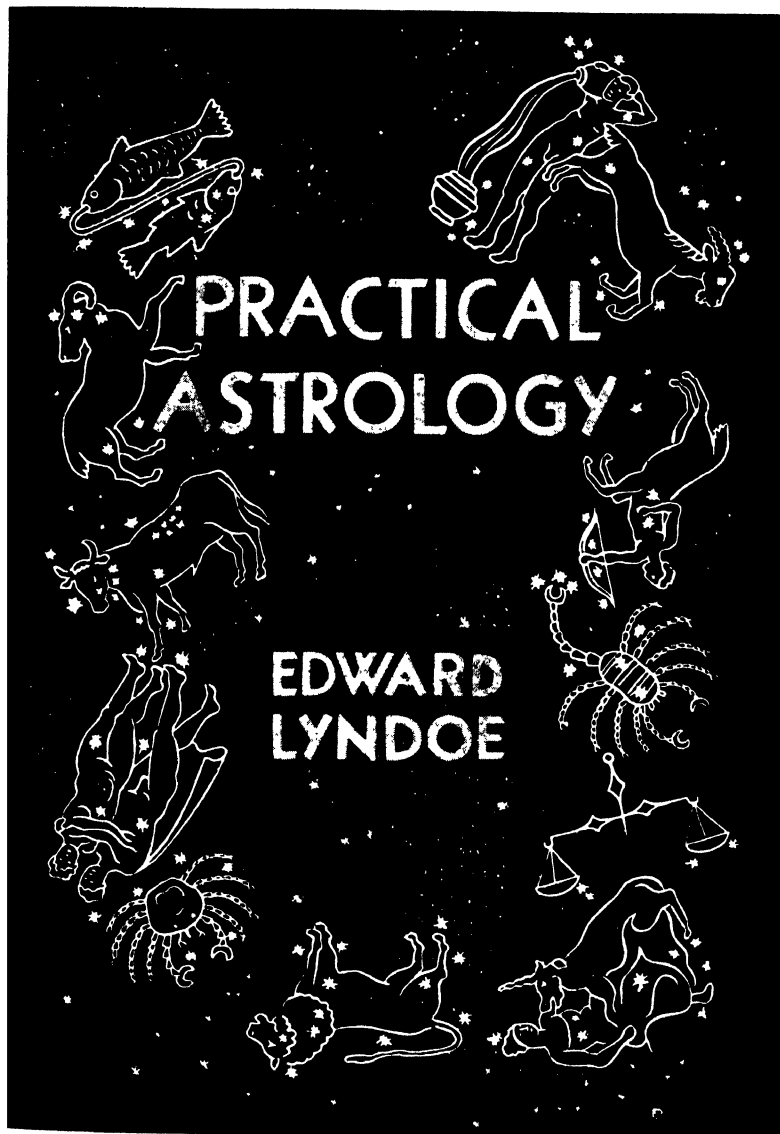
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is leaving the Sun, Jupiter is approaching him, and the conjunction of Jupiter-Saturn takes place, in a general sense (not considering the actual conjunction, but the approach near enough to act on horoscopic factors in transit) from June, 1940, onward, occurring then over the progressed place of Venus in Taurus, 7th house, in trine to the radical Moon and Jupiter, in semisquare to Sun and Mars progressed, and to the transiting place of Neptune, who still holds, in the 11th house, the square of the last two factors. This is complicated enough, so what can we say about it?

Well, at least we are entitled to say that the retreat of Saturn from the Sun and the approach of Jupiter always encourages a sounder, more practical, more benevolent and reasonable attitude. It nearly always heralds some sort of "coming to terms with things as they are." It brings a strong desire to clarify situations, to make things possible and usable, to meet others half way; it nearly always brings home to people errors of past conduct, inclining them to policies more acceptable to the world around them. Saturn near the Sun has the tendency to enlarge wrongs, promoting ideas of injury and revenge; Jupiter near the Sun brightens all things and promotes healthier views. Reading this emphatically or lightly as we choose, these are the tendencies, this the probable effect, let it come from what source it will.

If, after that, we consider the formation of the conjunction Jupiter-Saturn in the 7th house of the horoscope, on the progressed ruler, she being Venus, who can fail to see in that some foreshadowing of agreements to come, and of a very different quality from any that would have been incited by Uranus. This time, whatever there is of agreement is actuated by much more prudent and practical considerations; and while this aspect is not present at the 1940 birthday (in which case it would have much greater validity), still, it is both too powerful in itself, and too intimately applied to the horoscope, not to have a very profound effect. Moreover, it remains in effect for such an extended period.

Seeing that this conjunction takes place in the 7th house of our King's horoscope, also, all this becomes much more probable. In regard to this, we must say something further on. But while we are still considering Hitler's horoscope, let us glance at one or two other factors. Note that at the Solar revolution, 1940, Saturn is near the Sun, the Sun is in the double semisquare of Venus (geocentric and heliocentric) and this is always an emblem of considerable unhappiness, disappointment, and depression. In effect, Sun and Saturn are both implicated, and

a combination of Sun, Venus, Saturn in ill aspects is just about as heavy, unsatisfactory and disappointing as anything can be. Note that Sun rules 10th house, Venus the 1st. Draw your own conclusions as to that! Neptune, at this birthday, is still transiting the square of Sun and Mars progressed, while Saturn is right up to the semisquare of the Sun progressed. Whatever the favourable aspects may be, all these are serious.

Returning to the radical horoscope, let us note that Mars in Taurus, aspected as he is by the square of Saturn, is no guarantee of victory in war. Both sign and aspects are against it. Mars in Taurus succeeds best in industry and patient application. The extreme impatience developed by the continual frustration of a Mars square Saturn, especially with Mars in Taurus, where he is traditionally violent if opposed, or in anger, may allow its possessor to do considerable damage, like the proverbial bull in the china shop, but this is very different from a case where powers of comparative equality are opposed to one another in conflict. Mars in Taurus, by and large, is more likely to be successful in economic management than in warfare. Our own Gordon complained (having Mars in Taurus well aspected) that he had to devote so much time and attention to sordid and merely material matters, whereas the Mars rising in Sagittarius in his epoch* demanded something much more adventurous. An afflicted Mars in Taurus is likely to bring one down to hard facts with a most unpleasant bump. And while we are talking about this position, let us note that Goering has, in his natal horoscope, Mars in Aries opposed to an elevated Saturn, and Mars in Taurus (heliocentric) semisquare to the same Saturn, this bringing Mars into a double aspect of Saturn, unfavourably. Mars afflicted by Saturn is no promise of victory. Indeed, this aspect is extraordinarily prevalent in the horoscopes of Nazi leaders.

Stalin, according to the horoscope which gives Capricornus rising in the natal map, January 1, 1880, 8.16 a.m., Armenia, has Mars in Taurus, near Neptune, sextile Jupiter, trine Sun, which suggests that Stalin can leave warlike adventures, quixotic or otherwise, to others, and can pursue a policy of comparatively quiet, steady development and expansion, and far-sighted prudence, with the greatest advantage. What, indeed, could ultimately stand against the luck of a Sun which collects a sextile Jupiter, trine Neptune, trine Mars, trine Uranus, even if Saturn is in Aries square to the Sun? Stalin may be a self-made man, but he is very lucky.

* The reference is to the epochal horoscope introduced by Mr. Sampson and erected for one exact Solar revolution prior to birth.—Ed.

In our own King's horoscope we may observe that Mars is in Sagittarius, trine to an elevated Jupiter, which, after all, is some assurance of victory. Perhaps the fact that Mars is in 2nd house could operate most advantageously in the direction of economic warfare. This is, however, not the only position of Mars, for his alternate and heliocentric position* is at 18.29 of Scorpio, where he is between Saturn and Uranus and thus, to my mind, extremely suggestive of the difficult times England has to go through, for when Scorpio is so tenanted and in the 1st house one's life is seldom peaceful. The approach of our old but upsetting friend Uranus transiting to the opposition of Saturn, then commencing to engage the opposition of this Mars, then of Uranus and Moon, is certainly one powerful argument for war, for Saturn rules the 4th house (one's country) and Mars is in Scorpio. But to the astrologer who examines things carefully, and, I may say, who takes reckoning of the heliocentric positions, there was much to be learned from the fact that (1) Saturn was approaching, by direction, to the heliocentric place of Mars and (2) Mars was approaching the semisquare of his own place and that of Saturn, and (3) that Uranus was commencing to transit the opposition of Mars and Saturn. The factors concerned are as follows, using the "adjusted date" for the King's horoscope.

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April 27, 1939	2.33 ♈	18.15 ♎
„ 1940	3.17	18.18
„ 1941	4.01	18.21
„ 1942	4.45	18.24
„ 1943	5.29	18.27
„ 1944	6.14	18.31

Hence, May 6, 1940, brings Mars to semisquare Saturn progressed; August 4, 1940, brings Mars to semisquare Mars, and Saturn is conjunction Mars November, 1943. Uranus is transiting near the opposition of Saturn, who is only 13' from the conjunction of Mars, approaching.

* The mention of the heliocentric positions may possibly stir up a comment or two, and perhaps a few complaints that these are not available. I mentioned this subject in *Modern Astrology*, 1925, but as no interest was aroused, I did not see why anything further should be done. I find them of the very greatest value. They are given in the *Nautical Almanacs*, and I used to get some of them from the *Connaissance de Temps*, a series of which I found in Columbia Library, New York. Of course they would be in the British Museum, and I found out the other day that our own Library of Science, South Kensington Museum, has a pretty complete set of the *Nautical Almanac*.—W. H. S.

It is also typical that through 1938-9, with Neptune operating his semisquare in transit to Venus and Jupiter of the royal horoscope and Uranus passing from the aspects of these same factors to the opposition of Saturn, there should have been so much confusion in our plans and counsels; indeed, it could hardly have been avoided.

I leave students to form their own conclusions as to what the further aspects of Mars-Saturn portend, reminding them that the transit of Uranus tends to bring things out to their greatest prominence, and that, when this transit has passed on, while things may remain very difficult, they might not be so acute, judging from this set of factors.

However, our point at present is that the oncoming conjunction of Jupiter-Saturn falls in the 7th house of the King's horoscope, in square to Jupiter, opposed to Venus, and to Saturn, and that in its first stages, it falls in semisquare to the Sun, as well as close to the square of the Sun progressed. This is much more suggestive of deadlock than of anything really constructive. I mean to avoid any attempt at precise prediction, and to keep things in fluid state. Then, since Neptune at this time is still operating his semisquare to the main points of this horoscope (Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Sun radical and progressed), while the conjunction of Jupiter-Saturn takes shape, all this tends to show some sort of an agreement, but one enforced by the circumstances of the case (lest confusion become worse confounded), so that the conjunction could very well signify a prolonged pause, during which all concerned might try to solve the tangle. In this horoscope it represents itself as "trying to do the best one can," and such a conjunction operating in square and opposition aspects often means that one is compelled to decisions and agreements by considerations of practicality, of necessity that debar any other course. Some sort of an arrangement will be necessary; no sort of arrangement will be satisfactory. Modern war, prolonged, could disorganise life so terribly over a large part of the world that it could bring things to the point where cessation of hostilities might be imperative. Something of the sort may be the case here, and in this connection do not let us forget the conclusions we reached with regard to Hitler's horoscope. If, at the time of this conjunction, some change of view takes place there, coupled to some conviction on this side that "half a loaf is better than no bread" under the circumstances, that may fill the requirements. One cannot lose sight of the fact that, at the time of this conjunction, Jupiter, Saturn, and Neptune are all in

adverse aspect to the chief factors of the royal horoscope, and under such a condition, things are likely to be fairly confused, decision and arrangement are necessary, and nothing can be really satisfactory. We are obliged to leave this where it is.

Of all the people who are likely to benefit by this conjunction ($24^{\circ} 2'$), two stand out prominently. The first is Stalin, the second the Emperor of Japan. To Stalin, there is little but good from it, much clear gain. Since, in this horoscope, the conjunction is made near the places of Mars and Neptune, with so many good aspects to them, it is almost as if Fate were in a jocular mood for Stalin, for all he has to do is to wait for the shower of apples that will fall into *his* garden, shaken down by the boys who, in the next garden, where the trees actually are, are trying to get them. Stalin may take part in a hand at "poker" in which he may use his resources brilliantly, coming out the winner. I look for a phenomenal exhibition of his very varied technique, and our Oriental trader may return home with camels well loaded.

Whatever we may think of Japan and her policy, her Emperor's Sun conjunction Venus in Taurus, trine to a rising Jupiter and Saturn, is as firm and good as anything visible in the horoscopes of present-day rulers, and it is not difficult to see in this a strong sign of very constructive and steadily expansionist policies. Honesty or no honesty, pleasant or unpleasant, these are not aspects of an eventual loser. Anyhow, the conjunction we are considering falls near the places of Sun and Venus, in trine to the original places of Jupiter and Saturn, so that things must play into the hands of Japan considerably.

I have tried to take into consideration just a few factors whose importance has been recommended by a rather extensive experience with astrology. It would be possible to multiply evidences almost indefinitely, but that would extend this article beyond the covers of the magazine, beyond the patience of Editor and reader alike. I leave others to add what factors they like, and to draw their own conclusions both from them and from the data I have submitted. My own personal conclusions, as far as I have focused them, are somewhat as follows:

The indications are, to me, that this is, for some time, rather a troubled world. It will take a long time to untie the knots and to adjust things toward settled prosperity. For 1940, I cannot hope for more than provisional arrangements and agreements, for so much more lies behind. There is much evidence pointing to the probability of a change of view on the part of the German Government, which could arise from several

possible sources. Let us assume, in order to be fairly cynical, that economic necessity may be the deciding thing. The prominence, in the horoscopes of German leaders, of the aspect Mars square or opposition Saturn does suggest that it might be brought home to them that their present tactics cannot lead to much good. Unwilling as they seem to be at this moment, yet facts are stubborn things; sheer necessity may dictate more reasonable policies, even if only for the time being. I cannot believe very enthusiastically in those sudden, chiefly dramatic and novelistic conversions whereby the villains of the piece are dissolved in tears "at the touch of a child's hand" or in some other charming manner, and become, for the remainder of their lives, examples to all around them. But I can believe that people must be excessively and incurably stupid not to find out, sooner or later, that cruelty and oppression, dishonesty and flagrant lying, may be all very well up to the time of harvest, which is anything but wholesome. In this Universe, simple as it is to say so amid so much complicated cleverness, that which is good and wholesome persists, and, thereby, prevails, not so much because it can overcome evil, as because it is still found flourishing when the eventual results of evil, however attractive or impressive, have died away. Luxuries of all kinds are good enough in their brief seasons; wholesome bread and butter are a continual satisfaction. Violence, cruelty, depredation may be luxuries to those who indulge in them, but the Universe does not uphold them unless they are accompanied by, or very quickly followed up by, behaviour of other kinds, which, while it may make no apology, is, in itself, an admission that such principles can never become the foundations of society or the safeguards of civilisation. A set of rulers in whose horoscopes Mars is afflicted by Saturn cannot expect to reap any ultimate reward, by reason of that aspect, but that of frustration and disappointed ambition, unless, indeed, they search their armoury for some worthier weapon. Mars in such aspects can, undoubtedly, inflict injury; it cannot secure dominion. It was not on this aspect that Hitler restored Germany. It is much more likely that he did so by reason, and through, the puissance, of the aspects of his luminaries to Jupiter. And having done so, had he then faced the world and agreed to treat with other nations as equal, and not as insolent tyrant, he might have gone down to history as one of the greatest men of his age. As it is, he preferred to throw away this opportunity and present himself to the world in a more sinister light. Let us all hope that when Jupiter gains sway over his Sun, he may see this for himself.

THE TURKISH EARTHQUAKE

By P. VERNON

IN making these notes I refer the reader to Raphael's *Mundane Astrology*, particularly the chapter on earthquakes. There is no doubt that this book is one of the best expositions we have of the ancient laws, and that it has been rendered more valuable by constant testing in modern as well as ancient times. We can again prove the validity of these laws by applying them to the charts bearing on the recent terrible disaster in Turkey, and this I am attempting to do in a straightforward and elementary analysis.

First we must keep in mind the recent squaring of Saturn (hard earth) and Pluto (upheaval), from the first degrees of the fixed signs Taurus and Leo. During the late summer of 1939 Mars gave further emphasis to the affliction by passing and repassing through the early degrees of Aquarius. There is no doubt that this T square marked the commencement of most of our present troubles, and that the first degrees of the fixed signs are to be closely watched as exceedingly sensitive points at the moment, especially as the Saturn-Pluto square forms again next March.

The remaining point of the square, in Scorpio, would prove of even greater tension, and this point was filled by the lunar eclipse of October 28th last, with the Sun in Scorpio 4. I give the data of this eclipse for Erzendjan—the centre of the earthquake eruption.

Lunar Eclipse, October 28, 1939, Erzendjan

40° E., 40° N., 9.21.34 a.m. L.T.

Asc. 8 ♄ M.C. 25 ♀ ☉ 4 ♋ ☽ 4 ♋ ☿ 25 ♋ ♀ 18 ♋
♁ 16 ♋ ☿ 10 ♋ ♋ ♋ 27 ♋ ♋ ♋ 20½ ♋ ♋ ♋ 24½ ♋ PL 2 ♋

Raphael says that a lunar eclipse in the first decanate of Scorpio gives "horrible thunders and lightnings, and perhaps an earthquake." He also says, "It has been ascertained that earthquakes are caused by the action of eclipses, and through the position of planets in the four fixed signs—more especially Taurus and Scorpio." Precisely seven planets out of the ten are found in fixed signs at the time of this eclipse—mostly in Taurus and Scorpio.

He also notes that earthquakes occur at places where, at the time of the eclipse, malifics and afflicted planets will be

found on the angles, especially that of the 4th house. In this chart Neptune is found exactly on the M.C. in Virgo—the sign said to govern Turkey—opposed to Jupiter in Aries 0° near the 4th cusp. Neptune would probably indicate the general disintegration and the floods.

One should also study the solar eclipse of October 12th. Although this does not, in some ways, have such a strong connection with the disaster as the lunar eclipse of a fortnight later, a chart for Erzendjan again gives a complete set-up for earthquake conditions.

Solar Eclipse, October 12, 1939, Erzendjan

11.10.4 p.m. L.T.

Asc. 25 ♉ M.C. 8 ♉ ☉ 18 ♌ ☿ 2 ♎ ♀ 28 ♌ ♂ 8 ♉
 ♄ 2 ♉ ♀ ♀ 28½ ♉ ♀ ♀ 21 ♉ ♀ ♀ 24 ♎ PL 2 ♉

Here we have Pluto, the "earthquake" planet, also considered by many to rule Scorpio, rising. It is opposed by Mars and squared by Mercury from the 4th house, all three planets being in the early degrees of the fixed signs.

The next obviously radical chart to be examined is that of the Turkish Republic. I am uncertain of the correct time for this, but the noon planetary positions are sufficient for this study.

The Turkish Republic, Ankara, October 29, 1923

☉ 5 ♎ ☽ 25 ♎ ☿ 24 ♌ ♀ 18 ♎ ♂ 7 ♌ ♄ 24 ♎
 ♀ 24½ ♌ ♀ 14 ♉ ♀ 20 ♎ PL 12 ♉

The most interesting factor that now emerges is that the Sun of the Republic is covered by that in the lunar eclipse, at Scorpio 4°—the most critical point of tension. (The Anglo-Turkish pact was signed very near the date of this eclipse last October, and one wondered at the time what would be the outcome of this.)

We can also note that the previous solar eclipse occurred only 6° away from the exact Mercury-Saturn conjunction of the Turkish chart, in Libra.

Now here are the data for the chart of the great eruption of the earthquake. It would actually have occurred

about 5 or 6 minutes before its recording on the seismograph in London, according to an authority on such things; and therefore these data should be practically correct.

The Earthquake, December 27th, Erzendjan

at 2.36 a.m. L.T.

Asc. 4 ♍ M.C. 11 ♌ ☉ 4 ♎ ☽ 11 ☿ ♄ 15 ♀ 2 ♋
 ♂ 24½ ♋ ♌ 0½ ♎ ♏ 24½ SD. ♎ ☿ 18 8 ♌ ♀ 25½ SR ♎
 PL 2 ♌ ♌

The most astounding thing about this chart is that Scorpio 4° the critical degree which recurs in these charts, is actually found on the ascendant. This point is squared by Pluto on the M.C. in opposition to Venus near the 4th cusp, all again in the early degrees of the fixed signs.

The 'quake occurred at the full moon exactly two months after the lunar eclipse. Raphael says that aspects will be found between the chart of the earthquake and that of the eclipse, and that planets just entering the cardinal signs are important indications. Jupiter, retrograde at the time of the lunar eclipse, had now returned to its exact position at that time in Aries 0° (we have already noted the importance of this planet in the eclipse chart). This time it is squared by the Sun from Capricorn 4°.

Other contacts from this chart link up with that of the Turkish Republic. Saturn is stationary, just on the point of turning direct, in Aries 24°, exactly in opposition to the Saturn-Mercury conjunction of the Turkish chart, which planets were contacted by the solar eclipse of October 12th. It is also found that Uranus transits in exact opposition to the Turkish Venus from Taurus to Scorpio.

It is interesting to note the extent to which the violent signs Aries, Taurus, and Scorpio stand out in all these charts.

The charts of the great conjunctions of Saturn and Jupiter are said to give indications of the places where earthquakes may be expected. The last of these conjunctions, now nearing the end of its course, occurred on September 10, 1921, the local time at Ankara—32½° E., 40° N.—being 6.25 a.m. It seems correct to cast a chart of this importance and duration for the capital of the country which is under examination.

Raphael says that earthquakes happen in those localities where the great conjunctions of the planets fall on the cusps of the 4th house, but he also indicates that all the angles are

My horary figure published in *Astrology* in December last works out accurately in world events. By 1° (1939) $\delta \delta 24$ and $\neg \text{H}$ disturbed the peace and provoked war (H is on England's ascendant and Mr. Chamberlain's 24). The U was δH when war began, denoting treachery and failure to negotiate.

At the time of the Munich Treaty Ψ was δH (with $\Psi \delta \text{H}$ in H in the actual figure of the Treaty).

The \odot was then, by 1° , going to $\delta \Psi$, the aspect being complete at the seizure of Czecho-Slovakia, pointing to the fear and confusion then prevailing in the world, and indeed still powerful.

Also by the 1° , $\text{H} \triangle \text{PL}$, Part of Fortune $\approx 11\frac{1}{4} \triangle \text{H}$, and ascendant $\ast 24$ should tend towards peace this spring, though ascendant $\neg \text{H}$ may hinder; at any rate, great efforts and propaganda for peace will be witnessed. This autumn we have $\delta \ast \text{PL}$.

Next year (1941) may be rather a sad time for the world, with restrictions— $\text{H} \delta \text{H}$. Ascendant will then be $\triangle \text{PL}$.

A measure of 20° yearly works well with this figure. By this, directions at the time of the Abdication were M.C. δ ascendant, $\odot \square \text{H}$, $\text{H} \square \odot$ (\odot , H , being rulers of M.C. and 7th).

This measure gave $\text{H} \angle \delta$, exact, when war began last September. Also many other directions typical at this time ($\text{H} \square \delta$ was in the Declaration of War figure).

When Russia attacked Finland in December, δ by this measure had just entered \approx , Russia's sign, being on the H of Finland's map, ≈ 0 (December 6, 1917). I do not know the exact hour, but Finland's H was about δ the horary δ , $\text{H} 13$; \odot in $\text{H} 13$. The map of the U.S.S.R. had also $\text{H} \delta$ the horary δ .

Also by this measure there are several violent aspects early this year. $\odot \square \text{H}$ and δPL occur this January, bringing lawless, unexpected actions.

In April, $\text{H} \delta \delta$, δH and $\text{PL} \square \delta$ with U and $\Psi \delta \text{H}$. Much violence, deceit, and treachery. But in March and April also $\text{H} \triangle \odot$, $\text{H} \ast \Psi$, so wisdom and harmony should help to counteract the evil influences. In June, $\delta \delta \text{H}$ —that may tend to slow down war; and from July to September, $24 \delta \text{H}$, $\ast \text{H}$.

Peace might come somewhere about this time, though I hardly think the war will end so soon. (Much German air activity early this year, H on Hitler's \odot p., $\triangle \text{H}$).

The horary figure itself is a very strange one, denoting great militarisation of peoples, ascendant $\ast \delta$; deceit and treachery of governments; general muddle and unintelligence, $\odot \delta \Psi$. Also regimentation of peoples, $\text{H} \delta \text{H}$, and materialistic ten-

dencies, with so much Virgo. If we take the 5th house for the past, it denotes war; but the 9th, the future, has Pluto on its cusp, with good aspects to ♄, ♀, ♂, and ascendant.

Pluto may stand for stern justice, a new way of managing affairs, a super-national authority. And as ♄ is well placed in ♍, trine ⊕, with ♀ ✕ ♀, the figure is more hopeful than at first appears.

This last good aspect denotes that all things ruled by ♀ are to be freed from the conventions of ♄, and gain Uranian illumination.

Transits over the figure should be noted. The day Poland was attacked the ☉ was transiting the Tail, ♏ 8. ♀ now in the 7th house has disturbed international affairs. ♄ in the 6th, restrictions, loss of comforts. The February new ☾ will be on ♀, ♍ 18.

I note that Von Ribbentrop, more responsible for the war than anyone, has ♄ ♂, and ♀ ♂, the horary ♀, with ♀ on its ascendant ♏ 13. At the outbreak of war, last September, his ☾ p. was ♂ his ♀, ☾ p. ☐ horary ♂.

The earthquake in Turkey may be due to the ♂ ♄ ♀ aspect in December by 1°, ♂ being in ♏, Turkey's sign.

GARDENING NOTES

By ADA PARKES

GARDENING in 1939 confirmed to a great extent knowledge gained from previous experiments. Sowing seed two days before the full Moon is a good rule to follow, but I find equal results are obtained by sowing at other times when Luna is in certain signs. Out of seven rows of peas sown at various chosen times, the best yield came from a sowing made on February 20th, on the second day of the new Moon in Pisces.

In Sepharial's book on eclipses it states that an eclipse falling on a sensitive point in a nativity always means deprivation of some kind. It had not occurred to me that sowing seed before an eclipse of the Moon may also have this same effect, but I found that, from a plentiful supply of many kinds of seed sown two days before the full Moon of May last, very few germinated. It was an eclipse.

Days on which to sow Seed.

Potatoes—March 30th and 31st; April 27th and 28th; May 24th and 25th.

Parsley and other seed slow in germinating—April 18th and 19th; May 15th and 16th; June 12th and 13th.

All kinds of seeds—flower, vegetable, and salads—March 13th, 14th, 18th, and 19th; April 14th, 15th, 18th, and 19th; May 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, and 19th; June 8th, 12th, 13th, 16th, and 17th.

Ground should be dug from the last quarter of the Moon to the new Moon.

READERS will be interested to hear that a fresh and enlarged edition of Mr. C. E. Mitchell's book, *Foretold by the Stars*, has appeared and may be obtained from the author, at 12, Delph St., King Cross, Halifax, Yorks, 2s. 9d. post paid. It would be unfair to Mr. Mitchell to print extracts from his work, but we can recommend the book very sincerely. The author has a fine record for correct prognostication, both in natal and political astrology, and he has unquestionably made many sceptics think again.

DATA FOR THE NOTE BOOK

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, Sr., born May 23, 1883, 5 a.m., Denver, Colorado; 7 Gemini rising. At the time of his death, the progressed Moon was going through his Eighth House, opposition progressed Mercury. Converse Mercury was square progressed Sun. These data come through the courtesy of Nella Webb, his friend and adviser for over twenty years.—From *The Astrological Review*, New York.

BEGINNERS' SECTION

DO OUR TRICKS BETRAY US?

By VERNITA CHURCHILL

How many of us know that we are giving ourselves away in every movement? And that that which we feel inwardly, manifests outwardly without our being aware of it.

Just notice your companions in the train or bus as you go to work.

That man who sits down so heavily and deliberately in his seat shows himself to be a Taurean, obstinate and dogmatic—the sort that you cannot push. He never changes his habits, and you will find that he goes to the same place for lunch every day and seldom varies his menu.

The quickly moving and penetrating eyes of the one next to him indicate that he is a Geminian with a touch of Cancer, observant and shrewd. There is not much that escapes his attention, and he has the power to store what he sees in his memory so that he can draw upon it at a future time.

That woman opposite with the tightly shut mouth, like a straight line in her face, has a strong Saturn and can keep a secret. She probably has one to keep and has suffered bitterly as a result of it (Saturn square Mars). She is disillusioned (Moon square Neptune) and it has made her hard.

The man in the far corner, grasping his umbrella so tightly, is ruled by fear (afflictions in Cancer). He is afraid of losing his job, afraid of being poor, afraid of growing old. Whereas, the one who has hitched his to the seat in front probably has Moon square Venus, for he will certainly get up and leave it behind him.

The woman with the ready smile proclaims that she has large sympathies and a kindly heart (Moon trine Jupiter). She is interested in her neighbours and expects the best from them.

Hands that fidget with bag or gloves show an unquiet mind and a nervous tendency (Mercury square Uranus); and those that are folded over each other in the lap betray the toiler (Sun square Saturn), or one who has come from peasant stock.

Let us take a look at ourselves and see in what way we reveal our inherent characteristics. But remember, it will be no good suppressing the trick, unless we also uproot the attitude of mind that produced it.

Of all the people one meets in the day, there is not one in a hundred who sits, with their muscles relaxed, perfectly quiet and at rest.

REVIEWS

The Last Year of War—and After, by LEONARDO BLAKE. Published by Andrew Dakers Ltd. Price 3s. 6d.

This continuation volume of the author's *Hitler's Last Year of Power*, contains, as did its predecessor, far too much "wishful thinking."

Mr. Blake appears to consider that astrology consists merely of secondary directions, plus the effects of transits, and from this basis he formulates a wealth of detailed deduction and prophecy in which he gives his imagination free rein.

In dealing with the horoscopes of Nazi leaders and enemy maps,

he tends to over-emphasise the evil influences, and to under-estimate the favourable ones. In dealing with allied horoscopes, he reverses the process.

Certainly this book of 212 pages contains a huge amount of research work, and is well worth the price, and every astrological student will find interest in checking up his monthly forecast of "History Written in Advance" up to April 1941.

But it may be questioned whether the book is likely to prove of any real service to astrology, owing to the author's very pronounced political bias. Many of the influences to which he refers can bear a very different astrological interpretation from the one he gives them.

It is unlikely that Mr. Blake will achieve a higher measure of accuracy in predicting the progress of the present war than "Sepharia" did in relation to the Great War.

E. B.

The Divine Vision (A Key to the Greater Mysteries), by C. R. STEWART (Major C. G. M. ADAM). Published by M. Houghton, 14, Bury Place, W.C.1. Price 5s. 6d.

This posthumous work will interest all theosophists and students of mysticism. It makes considerable dogmatic claims, and rewrites theosophic theory with amendment and variation.

The author condemns the Thibetan school, and has many strictures on Yoga and similar systems, for reasons which appear in the book.

The book butters no astrological parsnips.

E. B.

Hindu Predictive Astrology, by B. V. RAMAN. Published by Raman Publications, P.O. Malleswaram, Bangalore. Price 12s.

This is a clear and workmanlike account of the principles of Hindu astrology, both as regards judgment of the birth horoscope, and of future influences.

The differences in procedure compared with Western astrology are clearly set forth, and everything is done to make the book as utilitarian and practical for the Western student as possible.

The author, one of the leading exponents of astrology in India, is to be congratulated on having produced a very comprehensive and highly conscientious piece of work.

Western students are warned, however, that they are likely to find Hindu astrology more complicated than the system to which they are accustomed, and rather more than a cursory study will be required to get a grasp of the numerous technical terms. The initial transference of one's horoscope to that on the fixed zodiac, used by the Hindus, is, however, a simple matter.

The book contains 362 pages, and contains all rules of judgment to enable Western students to make judgments and predictions by the Hindu method, without any additional books or references.

E. B.

AN APPEAL

I HOPE you will give me the hospitality of your pages for the following appeal. I am in search of several thousand data for a statistical study which will provide an irrefutable proof of the truth of astrology. I should like to ask every one of your readers to send me the dates of birth of all the married couples they can. Divorced couples and those who have married twice or more should be included, and the only limitation is that at the time of the marriage one at least of the parties should have been under 45. As a sign of good faith the surname and birthplaces or present place of residence should be included, but these will not be published. The hour of the births is not wanted and the date of marriage is not necessary. All that is necessary is the day, month, and year of each *pair* of births. If your readers will do this for me I shall be able to express my gratitude by presenting them in a future issue with some very interesting figures.

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THE adage quoted in our editorial regarding the death of the great when five bodies occupy the same sign was strikingly fulfilled by the passing of Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, on February 12th.

In our next issue I hope to deal especially with the great maps that are believed to be significant of the destiny of Great Britain, some preferring one and some another.

On page 171 of the last Volume Miss Vernon wrote of the conjunction (secondary) of the Moon and Mars rad. in the 1921 horoscope for the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. Using the measure of one sidereal day to the year, this dates to the middle of February, when the tremendous assault on the Mannerheim Line was at its height. The above measure, we may explain, differs from the usual rate of one clock-day to the year by one additional day per annum. Thus, as the 1921 map is about $18\frac{1}{2}$ years old, we should add $18\frac{1}{2}$ days to the date obtained by the more usual clock-day calculation. I have personally found the sidereal measure more true.

The *Graf von Spee* is stated to have been launched on June 30, 1934, at 12.32 p.m., true local time, at 8 E., $53\frac{1}{2}$ N. The Moon is applying to the conj. of Saturn, and Mercury is in close conj. with Pluto: nevertheless, one would have expected something better from Jupiter rising in Libra. By direction the Sun had come to the square of Jupiter and the lunation prior to the battle fell opposition Mars. Data from *The Astrological Review*, issued by the Astrologers' Guild of America.

The *Altmark* incident occurred on February 17th, just as δ came to the square of PL, falling on Hitler's \odot and M.C. We should not be surprised if this matter will be an important turning-point in the war.

We have already commented on the transits prevailing in the natiivities of the monarchs of Belgium and Holland. In the case of King Haakon Pluto will soon transit the places of Uranus and the Moon, and Saturn has just passed the place of Neptune. Furthermore, by secondary direction his Sun is going from the square of Saturn to that of Mars. *And Saturn is exactly on the ascendant of the map for the Union of England and Scotland while Mars is within a few minutes of arc of the place of Mars in that figure.* We have seldom seen anything so startling. Norway has already suffered much from the war; she will indeed be fortunate if she escapes much more intimate contact with it.

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